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Your breezy mailing 6/1 welcome on a day of frustrations and futilities, when at 2:35 p.m. I have wasted all of it without solving what should have been the simple problem with which it began (householding).

Washington Observer: pub semi-monthly except the first of March, June, September and December at 5630 Borwick, Douth Gate, Ca. 90280 (P.O.Box 1306). My copy the issue Penn used to a correspondent friend. That zip is nut country, and that contents, to me, is nut contents. The trouble is that for all their wealth and sophistication, the Kennedys were their own kind of nuts, so who knows? In summary: I don't believe.

Perezes (NYTimes 4/17.72): don't take Roy Reed's word for the changes in the dynatsy. As L Patrick Gray said, it is in style only, not substance. Chalin and sister still strong for racist buts, Leabder now Jr jailed Ben Smith for defending a client against him, lost in appeals court. Glad to get. Married sister I think named Gelpi.

Feltrinelli:Everything welcome if nothing makes sense. Had I time I'd have written widow. Rt. wing here ahs engineered such things as bombing Wilkerson home Grenwich Village. I have their semi-secret boast of it, all but name of their agentx.

Je's 1/71, Computers, Vern Countryman on Hoove /wiretapping: the thing nobody realizes is that the tap can be kept on with nothing fone until it is productive, and then they haave 24 or 48 hours to get permit. If it takes longer, they merely don't use that tapr. But for all pracitical purposes, there is no limitation On King, Hoover blackjacked Bobby, the ostensible reason being a red -connected in King's entourage. I think he meant Rustin. When they use such words as "national" or "Internal" security, it means anybody at all. Bobby's inquiry was in response to Hoover's urging, which boxed Bobby. I think the then subordinate was Courtney Evans (also CIA).

Wallace bomb threat. I recall no news stories here, either, but some radio treatment. It passed over fast and seems to have had some insoiration in the conversion of the hospital into a campaign hdq. Dare sare most crank, possibly large % black then. Early. Seemingly all cool now.

Nobody who sees Times has mentioned your 4/26 on the international dentistry of wife. What some people won't do for a buck!

Freep cartooon "Christ! A real Nut.What's the world coming to?" puts it all together. Except that he's not first "real nut". Which reminds: neither word nor check from Nat. Enquirer; and my source of AP putting two men (gogent analysis, jdw) comes from Finley.

Stuart's The Washington Dayoff: Same add as in Post in NYTimes. Means he is spending $$$. Reminds: Samuel Brisk. longtime Quadrangle President Monday at ABA. He seemed less than enraptured at being part of Times now.

Zuckerkandl picture with Bill Seha's return address. He may have the background for that strange Ocike threat, but I think it requires what he has not show, knowledge DC suburbs. The Japan Ail Libes Bag on car also fits him. He has sued Japaense stuff in past, indica - tive of having been there. If as I think he lacks a few nuts and bolts, I thin he'd not have been so silent for so long. I still suspect cat named Carlton formerly Lib Cong. now supposed to be Univ Miami. He had made several coinciding call, called quickly on plans to come here when I asked if he'd like to use linguistic ability on Caontable bit, never heard from since.

Hiw blighted my life never to have heard or read of the Zuckerkandl Papers. I did hear of the Pentagon Papers, so paper is not foreign to me. The trouble is that Ralp has had such experience of his own with Hutchins at al that he is incapable o f detecting puton. That kind of Hutchins! The rewriter of the Constitutuon(And I tjough Mitchell had a patent).

When there are still Hoppes there is still joy in the world, and a mite of hope. That Sikspak is as good as Buchwald....Blight of living under the influence of the Eastern Intellectual Establishment: I neerxhheard of the wondrous Gen. Hoo Dat. I know he doesn't intend racism and think it is great stuff.

Shea, Z et all remain wrapped in an enigma, Don't know who or which ate legut buts.

At this point I zonked out, napped for two hoursm and as for that part of 59 years I can recall, awakened not refreshed but nit lseepy. 10 mins. is better for me for working. Don't ask me what I meant by "legat buts". Three hours later I don't know!

I'll send you the carbon of the first or both pages. The ribbon needs changing and I should not have used the 3M waste.

JDW's later 5/31: Nothing new on Schoolfield. I have not had a word from Ray since I saw him a month agao. This is exceptional. I suspect he has had a mesagge from Stoner. But with all I have to do, that could be a boon. Remains to be seen, depedning in part on what the interest, if any, the Bailey office shows. Suspect they ll be more interested in Garrison's case. I'd expected some responses to some inquirfies about schoolfield, who was disbarred in Xhattanooga some years ago. And with the lawyers' office dumping the ~~xxx~~ dubbing of the tapes of the interviews on me, they remain undubbed. I may have weekend company that will do it.

I look forward to the second weekend more, when a Bantam editor and his fiancee are coming. She is to do a love story for which I could not changeny present self enough, one that could make not only a movie but a worthwhile one. I'll have some kind of hunk of it. It is a beautiful story of very ordinary people, not slush.

Heard from Whalen today. He'll be coming uo after his kids return from camp, whenever that will be. If he could escape congenital papist captivity, he could be quite a guy. Of those who finked he is the lone honest one. Before the SEPost piece came out he begged me "don't do to me what you did to Knebel" and then explained he had no option. To me that is a kind of honesty. Lil will not forgive, but I've lived with so much of that I have a sliding scale.

Larry Finley was my source on AP's assigning two men. You analysis of the reason is sensible. I hadn't thought of it and found myself wondering why. If one were Gavzer, I suspect I'd know. His work at the Srchives was so incompetent I wonder if it were not more, desliberate dishonesty. But his work on the King case was superb, and despite his previous dishonesties(and what he and Moody did by miscitation of my sources can't be accident), you may not have noticed, but I went out of my way to praise what he did do in FRAME-UP. On that finkery, he worked in the Archives, Moody in the field.

It is always easy to misread and misjudge, but I think the change in him dates to a press conference I had on the appearance of OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. He and Moody were BOTH there, and this was after their crap had appeared. I think they were impressed, perhaps a bit converted. Two things have been true since then (and may be unrelated): Gavzer has stayed 100% away from assassination stuff except for King's; and his work on that can't be faulted and can without reservation be praised.

The piece on the Constable from Barnstable bit was a draft on prospect for the Natioal Enquirer. It was a morning's work, as I recall, straight out of the top of the head, the hope being that I could simplify it enoughf for their readers because they have never paid me less than $200 and out finances are again desparate. So, I restricted myself to a special approach and the first and last sentences, which were simpler. That, however, they found too complicated for their audience. I'll send. I also wanted to get a bit of it on paper as a prospectus, poor as it would be, for a novel. I had a deal going on this a year ago and the novelist decided to do something else. With the attempt on Wallace I'm sure he's sorry, for the book, coming out about that time, would have done something. If I do anything on this for another audience, I'll,take more time and include more. I made only slight use of Duncan and Occam. And if I haven't sent it to you, I wrote Kelley about this, and as you say about the author(s), seriousness of intent as of time of composition could not be ruled out. I've not heard from Kelley and don't expect to. I'll send a carbon. One of the reasons I'd discount Shea is that it would have required a collaborator in Rockville, a small town the width of the country away to mail the thing on my birthday. Take some doing or unusual coincidences.

On your King files, there was one thing you sent me relatively recently that I recall perhaps more. The one is the first Earl Caldwell story. I am reasonably certain it was a 3M copy. I file this stuff by intended use, not date, so I'll have to think of the places I could have put those early stories. But the central point here is that recently uou did have that file, if that is any kind of reminder or clue to its whereabouts. The time was not too long before 5/6, which is when I left on the trip on which I planned to use it, in condrontation with Frank. His book did not come out until April4 and it was a little while before I got a copy, so the time would not have been long before 5/6. It was his entire handling of Caldwell that made me suspicious and your clips justified the suspicion. That reminds me of another story. I am pretty certain you also sent the second day story, for until then I was unaware then had sent ~~Caldwell~~ Waldron in and apparently removed Caldwell. But I will check. It is now 11 p.m., so not now. Thanks and best regards,